

GRAVESIDE SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY FOR MISS  
FRANCES CROSS

The sudden death of Miss Mary Frances Cross on Saturday evening, Oct. 30, marked the close of a career which had touched in friendship the lives of countless young people in many parts of the world.

Since her childhood, when she came to make her home with her uncle and aunt, the late Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Buchanan, she has been closely associated with Grinnell community affairs.

After graduating from Iowa Teachers college, Miss Cross taught for a short time in the Grinnell schools, going from here to take charge of the Young Women's Christian Association at Germantown, Pa.

Later as a member of the national staff of the YWCA, she was sent to India and had charge of that organizations branches in Calcutta, Madras and Ceylon. Returning to the United States, she was regional director of the YWCA for the southwest Rocky Mountain states with headquarters in Denver. Some time afterward she was selected to go to China to organize an international settlement for English speaking girls in Shanghai. Upon her return to the United States she served as YWCA secretary in New Bedford, Mass.

After retirement she made her home in Kent, Conn., spending her winters in Grinnell, where her friendly spirit has endeared her to all who knew her. In the autumn of 1947 she came here to make her permanent home with her cousin, Fannie R. Buchanan.

Following cremation a graveside memorial service will be held in Hazelwood cemetery at 10:30 o'clock a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in charge of Rev. Leland W. Mann.

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